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### DAILY BRIEF

USSR-Berlin: The Soviet Union appears intent on creating an impression of Western intransigence on the Berlin issue by playing up alleged "provocative action" of West Berliners and the negative attitude of the United States toward various Soviet proposals for the withdrawal of Western troops from West Berlin. Soviet leaders are apparently hoping to provide a justification for any future moves they may plan against the Western position in Berlin.

According to TASS, Pravda on 23 July, using the harsh tone characteristic of recent Soviet statements, accused the US occupation forces in West Berlin of encouraging the West Berlin police in their "criminal activities" against East Germany. Pravda noted that such "provocative actions" make a peace treaty "more imperative." Pravda claimed that the US position has remained rigid and that fulfillment of "certain hopes" which have been placed in the Rusk-Gromyko talks in Geneva will depend on whether the "Western powers revise their position or continue to resort to threats."

Moscow may be preparing for a new round of harassment of Allied access in order to bring pressure on the West to modify its basic position on troop presence in Berlin. The Soviet Union will probably be careful, however, not to undertake a unilateral action which poses a direct challenge to the West. Recent statements warning against the consequences of S-Bahn incidents within West Berlin suggest the likelihood of some move against rail access; the Communists may also step up harassment of Allied air traffic in the corridors.

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France: [The six French rightist leaders freed by Spain on 23 July are identified with the extreme activist wing of the Secret Army Organization (OAS). The six include the leaders of the 1960 Algiers "barriades" insurrection who fled to Spain and were placed in enforced residence in the Canary Islands. They can be expected either to try to join the OAS groups headed by Bidault and Soustelle in Italy, Switzerland, and elsewhere, or to direct operations of their own OAS groups within France.]

[ ] have recently expressed concern over the influx of OAS assassins among the legitimate refugees from Algeria. [ ]

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[ ] the primary objective of individual and organized OAS extremists during the next few months will be the assassination of De Gaulle. [ ]

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Algeria: Ben Bella's formation of a seven-man political bureau on 22 July to assume "national responsibilities" is the most direct challenge so far to the authority of Premier Ben Khedda and the PAG. Ben Bella, who appears to have been gaining in prestige, probably hopes to use this bureau to select the candidates for the constituent assembly, scheduled to convene on 12 August, which would ultimately appoint the first Algerian government.

[ ] This move has been denounced as illegal, however, by PAG Vice Premier Belkacem Krim, who commands the personal loyalty of most of those troops of the Algerian National Army (ALN) who are considered loyal to the PAG. The tone of Ben Bella's announcement suggests that he is prepared for a showdown with the PAG. The US consul at Oran, who visited Ben Bella at Tlemcen last week, commented that Ben Bella is in full control of his entourage. Surrounded by ex-PAG officials such as Ferhat Abbas, Ahmed Francis, Ahmed Boumendjel, and a large staff, he has a government-in-waiting that could take over intact.

[ ] The reported resignation on 23 July of PAG Foreign Minister Dahlab and Information Minister Yazid will further weaken the Ben Khedda faction.

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Yugoslavia: The shake-up of Yugoslavia's governing institutions will be extended to the trade union federation and apparently to key administrative elements in the Communist party, according to an official summary of a speech delivered by politburo member Rankovic to the central committee on 22 July. In the past two months, the federal government and the regime's mass-political organization (SAWPY) have already been reorganized, as have the executive councils of the country's six republics.

The regime hopes by these steps to overcome the indiscipline and complacency of party and government officials which have in part been responsible for recent economic failures. No important personalities have been purged, but a substantial portion of the leadership has been reassigned and there has been a redistribution of the functions of various governing bodies.

The regime also is attempting to limit the number of posts an individual can hold in order to make room for new blood. Rankovic reiterated that provision for orderly rotation of governmental personnel will be included in the new constitution which will be published for public discussion this fall. Although Rankovic berated both bureaucratic and liberal attitudes in the party, he ridiculed suggestions by "certain quarters abroad" that Yugoslavia was retreating from its policy of decentralization.

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Dahomey: According to the US Embassy in Cotonou, President Maga claims to have received a "firm promise of \$20,000,000 from the USSR and \$8,000,000 from Czechoslovakia with no strings attached." The offer was made to a Dahomey good-will mission, and the President admits he has nothing in writing. Maga told the French ambassador in Cotonou on 19 July that he planned "to wait and see what develops" despite the ambassador's advice that the offer would probably turn out to be a disappointing credit and not a loan.

The French are increasingly reluctant to underwrite Dahomey's chronically faltering economy, and Maga may find it difficult to reject any aid offer, although he would prefer a cash loan. The US ambassador feels that if Maga accepts the offer, he may permit the establishment of Soviet and Czech embassies in Dahomey, despite his earlier assertion that this would not happen until Dahomey could afford to reciprocate.

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Common Market - Britain: [The UK-EEC accession talks opened in Brussels today in an atmosphere of apprehension, despite the compromise reached last week at the special meeting on Britain's domestic agriculture. According to the British ambassador to Washington, Britain is willing to continue the discussions into next week because it considers this round of talks "about the last chance" to advance the negotiations before Macmillan reports on 10 September to the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers, who could not be reassembled at a later date without "real difficulties."]

[The ambassador stressed that the main problem remains Britain's request for market assurances for Commonwealth exports of temperate zone products. He implied that known US objections to continuation of Commonwealth preferences were being used by some of the Six to resist London's demands. Similar points were made by Foreign Secretary Lord Home in a conversation with Secretary Rusk in Geneva on 21 July during which he said Britain might soon have to send an "SOS" to Washington. Home said that London would have to be in a position to assure the Commonwealth countries they would be "no worse off" after Britain entered the Common Market.]

[Ambassador Butterworth reports several recent indications that the long-dormant question of reconciling sterling area relationships with the monetary provisions of the EEC treaty may be raised at some critical point. While Continental financial and banking officials have long felt there might be far-reaching monetary implications in British accession to the EEC, they have heretofore been most reluctant to raise such issues until the UK is actually an EEC member.]

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